

# Scholarship Update

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## **Elizabeth M. Krendel Memorial Scholarship**

**DUE: April 29, 2011**

The Memorial scholarship sponsored by the Oxford Parent-Teacher Organization is awarded to three seniors based on academic achievement, response to essays, and potential for excellence in the applicants' chosen field. Applicants must be from OAHS, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and must be accepted to an accredited college. Must submit a completed scholarship form, one 1 letter of recommendation, and a recent high school transcript. Applications are available in the guidance office and must be returned to the guidance office by deadline.

## **Oxford Sports Boosters Scholarship**

**DUE: April 29, 2011**

Available to those who played an Oxford sports during their high school career. The applicant must fill in academic and athletic information and complete a 200 word essay about the applicants' athletic experience. Applications are available in the guidance office and should be returned to guidance by deadline.

## **Healthy Lifestyles Scholarship**

**DUE: April 30, 2011**

Available to high school students or first year college students. To be eligible, you must be under 25 years old and answer both essay questions. Award amount is \$5000

<http://www.fitnessercises.tv/scholarships.php>

## **AEMP Foundation**

**DUE: May 1, 2011**

Interested in the heavy equipment industry or heavy equipment diesel technology? All interested applications must have a GPA of a 2.0 to be eligible, but who are motivated, responsible and have a strong capacity for achievement. All awards are valued at \$500 per semester for up to four semesters. Applications available at [www.aemp.org](http://www.aemp.org) under "AEMP Foundation."

## **Oxford Football Boosters Scholarship**

**DUE May 1, 2011**

The Oxford Football Boosters are pleased to announce they are awarding two \$500 scholarships. The scholarship is open to any boy that has played football at least one season during his Oxford High School career. The player must be attending an accredited college/university or technical school in the fall of 2011. Application is available in the guidance office.

## **Gray Nichols Post 1779 Veterans of Foreign Wars**

**DUE: May 1, 2011**

Eligibility requirements: Applicant must be a son or daughter of a Veteran of the U.S. Military Forces; a citizen of the United States and reside in the Oxford Area School District; a graduating senior of OAHS; have a minimum GPA of a 3.0; be enrolled in a full-time program of studies in a college, technical, or trade school; parent must hold and present for examination an Honorable Discharge or valid Military ID. The award will be paid directly to the specified college of choice for the term immediately following high school graduation. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

## **The Mervyn Sluizer, Jr. Scholarship**

**DUE: May 2, 2011**

Scholarship for Boy Scouts and former Boy Scouts who have attained the rank of Eagle and wish to pursue higher education. The application is available at [www.philafound.org](http://www.philafound.org)

**Oxford Area Republican Committee (OARC) Award**

**DUE: May 2, 2011**

An award will be granted annually to 1 senior male applicant and 1 senior female applicant in an amount not to exceed \$500 as long as funds are available. Eligibility requirements: a graduating senior from OAHS who has been a resident of Oxford Area School District for at least 1 year; a GPA of 2.5 or better; a completed application; and a written dissertation of 300 words covering the following topics: 1) The importance of registering to vote once you are 18 years of age, 2) How I think voting will have an impact on my life or has already effected my life. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**Dial My Dentist Scholarship Program**

**DUE: May 6, 2011**

This scholarship is available to anyone between the ages of 16 and 21 and also attending college this fall. Award amount is \$1000 <http://www.dentalmarketingplans.com/scholarships.php>

**Hearts in Action: C.A.P. Scholarship**

**DUE: May 6, 2011**

This scholarship is available to students interested in continuing their education in nursing, teaching, social services, or ministry fields. Require materials include the completed application, 3 letters of reference, a letter of reference from your institution if entering 1<sup>st</sup> semester of college, and current unofficial high school transcript. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**Chester County Agricultural Development Council**

**DUE: May 11, 2011**

The Chester County Agricultural Development Council is pleased to offer a \$1,000 grant toward the higher education of a Chester County student planning to pursue a career in agriculture or an agriculture-related field. Requirements: a completed application, high school transcript, and 2 letters of recommendation. Selection Criteria: a high school senior whose parent(s) or guardians(s) live in Chester County, applicant must plan to major in the field of agriculture or agriculture-related field at a 4-year college or university on a full-time basis, and selection is based on the applicant's record of scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities. Information about the grant and an application are available at <http://www.chesco.org/agdev> or applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**The Edward H. James Memorial Scholarship**

**DUE: May 15, 2011**

Eligibility requirements: applicant must be a graduating senior of OAHS; have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; be planning to enroll in a 2 or 4 year college/university or vocational program in the education field; submit a 250 word essay summarizing the student's accomplishments, educational goals, and details of his or her commitment to a career in the field of education; a copy of his or her high school transcript; and the scholarship money must be used to pay tuition, room and board expenses, or college textbooks. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**Delaware Valley School Facility Manager Association**

**DUE: May 26, 2011**

The purpose of the scholarship is to financially assist graduating seniors who are planning to continue their education at a trade or technical school. The candidate's coursework should be concentrated in the building trades such as HVAC, plumbing, electric, etc. The scholarship is a one-time payment up to \$2,000. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**B. Davis Scholarship**

**DUE: May 27, 2011**

The creators of the "Student Award Search Aid" website are offering a scholarship. The scholarship awards \$1000. See website for more information: [www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm)

**Chester County Paralegal Association Scholarship**

**DUE: June 1, 2011**

The Chester County Paralegal Association is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship to a deserving individual pursuing a degree or certificate in Paralegal Studies. Applications are available in the guidance office.

### **Big Dip Scholarship**

**DUE: June 1, 2011**

For students who submit an essay under 1000 words and is in either high school or their first 2 years of college. Award amount is \$3000 <http://www.antiquetrader.tv/studentscholarship.php>

### **Abbott and Fenner Scholarship**

**DUE: June 18, 2011**

They will be awarding up to \$1,000 each year to winners. Students will submit an essay on *What do you see as the long term impact of our current recession on the average family? How might it affect their future decisions?* Please visit the website for more information

<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

### **Natalie A.W. Leaf Fund Scholarship**

**DUE: Anytime**

The Natalie A.W. Leaf Fund provides deserving Chester county residents with scholarships or stipends for occupational training at any qualified vocational/technical school, college, university, or other eligible program in the country. To qualify, the training must be in an art, craft, or trade which requires working with one's hands to build, maintain, or furnish a home and to create something of lasting value. Award ranges from \$300-\$500 in an award year and may be renewed for multi-year programs of the student maintains a GPA of a B or better or its equivalent. Eligibility requirements: all applicants must be at least 18 years of age by the time of enrollment; reside in Chester County for at least 1 year prior to application; demonstrate financial need; attend or be accepted to eligible training program or apprenticeship; and intend to reside in Chester County after training. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

## Website Scholarship Searches

[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com)

[www.Educationplanner.org](http://www.Educationplanner.org) (under the paying tab)

[www.scholarships.com/link](http://www.scholarships.com/link)

[www.collegeboard.com/paying](http://www.collegeboard.com/paying)

[www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com)

[www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)

[www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org) can be redeemed at United Negro College Fund member colleges

[www.blackexcel.org](http://www.blackexcel.org) - links to scholarships for Native American and African-American students

[www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org). links to Latino scholarships

## Competitions and Contests

## College-Specific Scholarships

\*\* Please contact your college/university financial aid department about possible scholarship. If you are interested in any of the following colleges, please see Mrs. Lock regarding scholarship opportunities offered by these institutions...

**Clarence Schock Foundation Scholarship** is offered through these five participating Universities *Cheyney University, Kutztown University, Millersville University, Shippensburg University, and West Chester University*. Please speak to your University financial aid department and/or visit [www.clarenceschockfoundation.org](http://www.clarenceschockfoundation.org) for more information.

**Empire Beauty School** offers three scholarships in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500. All applications are due May 1, 2011. Contact your selected location for more information

**Saint Joseph's University-*John P. McNulty Scholars Program*** for excellence in Science and Mathematics for young women who are pursuing a degree in the natural sciences, mathematics, or computer science. The scholarship program provides full tuition and combining mentorship, research opportunities, and internships. For more information and eligibility criteria [www.sju.edu/mcnultyscholars/](http://www.sju.edu/mcnultyscholars/)

**University of Dayton** are pleased to offer a \$10,000 Leadership in Service Scholarship to a senior graduating from OAHS if you are applying to this University please notify your counselor.

**University of Pittsburg's** chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) is inviting all incoming first-year male Pitt students to apply to the Balanced Man Scholarship. This award is \$1,740 of scholarship money for the fall of 2011. The Balance Man Scholarship awards incoming freshmen who exhibit academic excellence, demonstrate leadership skills, and commit to health and well-being. All applications are due by **June 20, 2011** (postmarked). Applications can be found at <http://www.pittsigep.com/bmp/scholarship/php> or are available in the Guidance Office.

*Visit the guidance office for additional information on any of these scholarships!  
Paper applications, when available, may be obtained from the scholarship rack  
located in the Guidance office.*

## College/Financial Aid Announcements

### Be aware of financial aid deadlines

- Every postsecondary institution establishes its own deadlines for submitting the FAFSA and other required financial aid forms. Some deadlines are as early as February 15th, so be prepared!
- It is the student's responsibility to be aware of these deadlines.
- Missing a deadline could result in the student being ineligible for aid.

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** must be submitted in order to be considered for all types of financial aid, including PHEAA state grants, institutional aid, and federal work-study. The FAFSA form is also used to determine eligibility for federal student loan programs. FAFSA may only be submitted *after* January 1st.

1. FAFSA on the web worksheets will be mailed to the student by PHEAA if they took the ACT or SAT during their junior year.
2. Students are encouraged to complete and submit the FAFSA form on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. BE AWARE fafsa.com is not associated with the dept. of education and there is a fee. FAFSA is FREE ...you do not need to pay anything to complete this form.
3. Sign up for a PIN from the U.S. Department of Education. This will allow you to complete and sign the FAFSA online as well as access you financial aid information. Request a pin at <http://www.pin.ed.gov>. **YOU MAY DO THIS NOW.** Your pin is your electronic signature, so you and your parent need to each receive a pin.

4. Be aware of the documents that each school requires you to submit in order to be considered for financial aid. Some schools may require copies of your tax returns or to complete institutional financial aid forms that unique to that school.
5. Find out whether the colleges you applied to require the CSS PROFILE.
  - The PROFILE assists institutions in awarding their own funds and eliminates the need for an institutional application.
  - Register for a customized PROFILE application online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The PROFILE information may be found under “Pay for College” on the home page. Students may also register by phone at 1-800-778-6888.
  - There are costs to complete the PROFILE. .
  - The PROFILE may be completed anytime after September 15<sup>th</sup> of the student’s senior year.
  - Students should initiate the process to complete the PROFILE four to six weeks before the earliest school/program deadline.
6. Students and parents are encouraged to complete tax returns as soon as possible after January 1<sup>st</sup>. The FAFSA form is much easier to complete when tax documents are prepared; however, you may estimate and re-enter in order to meet a deadline.
7. Watch the mail for the “PHEAA status notice” to arrive a few weeks after you submit the FAFSA. This form must be completed in order to be considered for a PHEAA state grant.

For more information contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID. If you have not internet access, you may request a paper application at the Information Center.